

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us the importance of flexibility and teacher quality in ensuring that our students receive the best education. However, the current state-by-state inconsistencies regarding teacher licenses prevent many high-quality teachers from transferring their skills across state lines to serve in communities facing teacher shortages.

The Interstate Teaching Mobility Act will help address these issues by empowering teachers to transfer their skills across state lines and enabling school administrators to hire more high-quality teachers to fill teacher shortages, especially in disadvantaged communities, and lead to better student outcomes.

I urge the House to support this bill.

## RECOGNIZING MARIA LOI

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 22, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Chef Maria Loi. Chef Loi is an internationally renowned entrepreneur, author, television personality and philanthropist. Often called the Julia Child of Greece, she melds the inspiration of ancient Greece with a modern approach to the Mediterranean diet.

The namesake of Loi Estiatorio in Manhattan, Chef Loi has cooked for celebrities and Presidents. But she most enjoys gathering with a roomful of diners over a good, healthy meal filled with laughter and stories and passing out smiles and homemade cookies to children who visit her restaurant.

Chef Loi is passionate about sharing the magic of all things Greek especially its culinary treasures and the recipes and practices passed down through the generations. Chef Loi is equally well known for her kindness, friendliness, and warmth, making a friend of everyone she meets and lighting up rooms with her bountiful energy, infectious smile and hearty laugh.

The founder of Loi Food Products, a specialty brand built on traditional ingredients from Greece; her pastas, beans, botanical herbs, refrigerated dips, honey and olive oil are sold on QVC, at Whole Foods Markets and in other stores.

The author of more than 36 cookbooks, she is also the host of a new show, *The Life of Loi*, for the Public Broadcasting Service, debuting on broadcast in December 2022. It aims to build an inspirational and educational movement around the Mediterranean diet and lifestyle—from ancient to modern, food to culture and everything in between.

Named an official Ambassador of Greek Gastronomy by the Chefs Club of Greece, Chef Loi is also a passionate and dedicated philanthropist who supports a wide variety of causes focused on children and the underserved.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the culinary, professional, and philanthropic accomplishments of Chef Maria Loi.

## RECOGNIZING THE 2022 BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARDS

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 22, 2022*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the annual Best of Braddock Awards. These awards are the result of collaborative work between the Braddock District Council and Braddock District Supervisor and are presented to individuals and organizations whose extraordinary efforts make our community a better place.

I have been proud to represent this community since my days as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The level of civic engagement celebrated by these awards is a testament to the community spirit of the Braddock District. I have often said that civic engagement is a key indicator of a healthy community, and tonight's event proves that Braddock District continues to be one of the healthiest communities in all of Northern Virginia. I extend my congratulations to all of tonight's honorees and commend them for their efforts to make our region one of the best places in the country to live, work, and raise a family.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following recipients of the 2022 Best of Braddock Awards:

#### ORGANIZATION OR CLUB MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Holy Spirit Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, for their work supporting some of the most vulnerable populations in our communities.

SevaTruck, for their tireless efforts to provide hundreds of children with nutritious food after school.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION, ENHANCEMENT, OR COMMUNITY-BUILDING EFFORT

Amy Gould, for her efforts to organize and host large-scale clean up events alongside Americana Drive, rain or shine.

Friends of Royal Lake (FORL), for their mission to preserve Royal Lake and its surrounding parks' ecosystems.

#### MOST "CAN-DO" PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

John Berlin, for his 24 years of service to Fairfax County and the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Honorable Mention: Melissa Adams, for her exceptional dedication to her fourth-grade class at Canterbury Woods Elementary School.

#### YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR

Pedro Leonardo Herrera Santiago, for his commitment to learning and helping others.

Lucas Bickford, for his initiative in starting Villa Neighborhood Cleanup, an effort that has kept Braddock Beautiful.

#### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Brian Bishop, for his leadership and activism as president of the Little Run Civic Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2022 Best of Braddock honorees for their tremendous contributions to Northern Virginia. We are a better place for them.

## CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF RICHARD FELTS

### HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 22, 2022*

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, it is with profound gratitude that I rise today to celebrate the career of Mr. Richard Felts, who retired on December 5, 2022. Mr. Felts was the dedicated President of the Kansas Farm Bureau for eight years, where he served as a bold and committed advocate for Kansans. I will miss Mr. Felts' sincerity and passion for solving the problems facing Kansas.

Before committing eight years as President, Mr. Felts also served as Kansas Farm Bureau's vice president and on KFB's board of directors. Mr. Felts was also a committed servant leader in his community. He held leadership and volunteer positions on a wide range of organizations, such as church and township boards, and fought for causes dear to his heart, including conservation and rural fire prevention.

When I first entered public office, Mr. Felts was very generous with his time and advice. He was an invaluable mentor, friend, and link to the Kansas agriculture community. I will sincerely miss his insights and guidance.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the extraordinary career of Mr. Richard Felts. Mr. Felts saw people in his community who needed help and chose to dedicate his life to service and advocacy. I wish him a peaceful retirement with his wife Shirley on their farm.

## RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BILL LEVY

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 22, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of William "Bill" Levy, a constituent of mine who recently passed away.

Bill grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. When he turned 18, he joined the Navy and saw the world. Upon completion of his tour of duty, he returned home to work for the family business, U.S. Tool & Manufacturing Company—a small automotive part company that had been in his family for over 100 years. He loved working at U.S. Tool and was always excited to go into work every day. He was co-owner and head salesman. It was through U.S. Tool that Bill became an active participant of the Production Engine Remanufacturers Association (PERA). He received the PERA Manufacturer of the Year Award at the 2003 PERA convention. He had also served on the PERA board of directors, was the chairman of the membership committee, and was the history committee chairman.

An avid golfer, Bill was known to travel with his golf clubs and play as much as he could. In fact, golf is what brought him to Florida, so he could play golf year-round. Bill was also the PERA golf tournament chairman for decades. Because of his dedication to the PERA golf tournament, the PERA board of directors elected to name the golf tournament the "Bill Levy Memorial Golf Tournament."